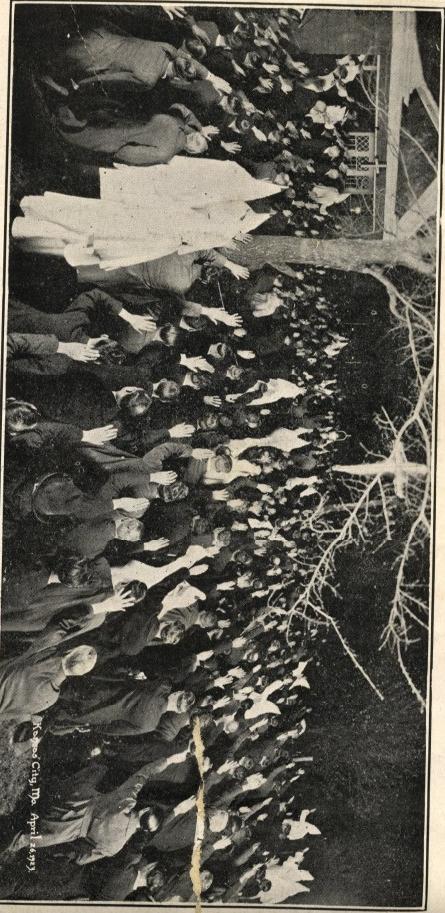


Kansas City Klansmen Naturalize Large Class of Aliens in Impressive Ceremony



THE Klans in Kansas City, Missouri, are numbered among the most active organizations in the United States and their growth is steady. A number of open air ceremonials at which thousands of new members are

to be naturalized are planned during the next few months.

The photograph shows the first open air Klan ceremonial staged at Kansas City this year. One hundred candidates for citizenship in the Invisible Empire are shown kneeling in the act

Palestine Klansmen Command Negresses

Mattie Bailey, negroess, has received a letter of commendation from Palestine Klan Number 34, Realm of Texas, in which \$50 was enclosed.

Mattie Bailey saw a negro attempting to attack a young white girl. She rescued her at the risk of her life. The Klan took official cognizance of her heroism, giving honor where honor was due.

ceives immediately one-half of the principle held in trust or an amount equal to one dollar from each beneficiary degree Klanman. Each beneficiary degree member is then assessed \$1.10 to replenish the beneficiary fund.

The plan is a simple one and can be adopted by any Klan with little or no trouble.

El Paso Klansmen Rout Gamblers

Klanmen of El Paso Klan No. 100, Realm of Texas, have decided to put the gambling joints operating in their city out of business.

Under direction of Kligrap C. L. Simmans, they made a complete investigation of gambling resorts a few days ago. C. L. Simmans personally swore out an affidavit against the proprietor of the largest gambling den in town.

A fee of \$2.50 is charged to join this degree and when a beneficiary member dies his wife or other beneficiary re-paid fines. The place is now closed.

Klanman, To Church!

Resolutions, speechmaking and applause are not sufficient to upbuild our Protestant churches and Protestant institutions. They must have the active as well as the professed support of Klansmen.

Every Klan in the country should be composed of church-goers and of men whose families attend both church and Sunday school.

In Chattanooga, Tenn., at each meeting of Klan Number 4 the Exalted Cyclops asks those Klansmen who went to church the preceding Sunday to rise. Then he asks those who will pledge themselves to attend church service on the coming Sunday to stand up.

Sunday school and church attendance has been increased in every Protestant church in Chattanooga by this activity of the Klan and the men's Bible classes have grown rapidly.

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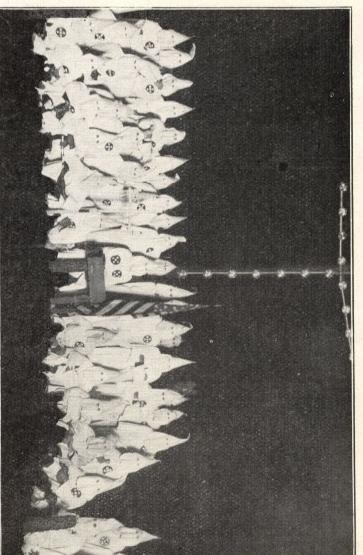
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Klan Komment

Fiery Cross Composed Entirely Of Ford Head Lights



A huge class of aliens was naturalized at Detroit, Michigan, one night last week at a ceremonial which was attended by thousands of Klansmen. The Klan in Detroit is making wonderful strides and each ceremonial sees an increasing number of candidates in the class. Preparations for a grand opening of the new club rooms in the Klan home is now being planned. The rooms are to be most excellently furnished.

At an all day celebration by the Princeton Klan, Realm of Indiana, Mayor Niemeyer, of Princeton, delivered an address in which he lauded the Klan and stated that it had been most helpful in aiding the officials of Gibson County in rounding up bootleggers and law violators. The demonstration was attended by many thousands of persons and proved a great success. A large class of aliens was naturalized in the evening.

The Quincy Klan, Realm of Indiana, last week staged a most brilliant parade which was enthusiastically cheered along the entire line of march. After the parade disbanded a naturalization was held in which a large class of aliens was taken into the organization. A resolution placing the bible in all schools throughout the county.

The resolution also makes it mandatory upon the teachers that read a portion of scripture each day before the pupils begin their studies.

Shelbyville Klan, Realm of Kentucky, last week held a ceremonial at which six hundred aliens were naturalized. More than eight thousand persons witnessed the ceremony. Preceding the naturalization an address was delivered which was most enthusiastically received by the big throng. During the evening a brilliant display of fireworks was staged. The meeting closed by the entire assembly repeating the Lord's prayer aloud and singing "America."

That the Midland Klan, Realm of Michigan, is growing at a tremendous rate is evidenced by the ever growing frequency of ceremonial which the number of aliens naturalized always increases. The

Klanmen Wanted
We can pay you \$15.00 per day if you will work eight hours per day in the interest of the Ku Klux Klan. We mean business, but unless you will work and can furnish references from your Klan we can't use you. This is for Klanmen who are for the Klan.

Burn Fiery Cross
Jackson Klan, Realm of Michigan, has struck a wonderful stride and is now growing with amazing rapidity. The newspapers there have tried every conceivable way to impede the growth of the organization but have met with dismal failure.

At a recent outdoor meeting a crowd of more than five thousand persons applauded speakers for the occasion. One night last week twenty-five fiery crosses were burned simultaneously throughout Jackson County.

If you write, address R. L. Couch, Kligrapp, Tullahoma Klan No. 21, Tullahoma Tenn.

Michigan Meetings

Monroe County, Michigan, is fast becoming a Klan centre and the activities of this great American organization have become very noticeable in the past six weeks. Speakers on the principles of the Klan draw big crowds who seem intensely interested in learning more of the Klan.

Realm Of Maryland Instituted

In the City of Annapolis, Maryland, on the twenty-first of October, the Klansmen of Maryland met and amid much enthusiasm the Realm organization was perfected and the Grand Dragon appointed, with full staff of Realm Officers.

A program of real constructive

work was outlined, and the Grand

Dragon has set in motion a plan of

operation which will bring thou-

sands of the real men of Maryland

into the organization and make of

this new Realm one of the model

organizations of the Nation.

Klansmen will watch this new

Realm with interest and the Klans-

men of Maryland will not disappoint

their co-workers throughout the

city, where Rev. Byron Clark was

conducting revival services, and pre-

sented the church with \$485.00 to

be added to the building fund.

The gift was accompanied by a

letter which reads as follows:

"We as members of the Ku Klux

Klan believe that the Protestant

church is the first step in the better-

ment of the conditions that now exist

in our America.

"We believe that without Christ

and our Protestant Churches our

Nation will fall and as the tenets

of the Christian Religion is our first

principle in our Creed and since it is

the constant disposition of a Klan-

Realm indicate a great amount of

constructive educational work being

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spirit of Klancraft everywhere.

Resolutions were passed expressing

the continual loyalty and co-opera-

tion of the Klansmen of Arizona to

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judgement in building nor only a

monument to independence and vi-

cinity, but a monument to Christ.

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The true spirit of Klancraft was

exemplified by the Klansmen present

by their expression of a determina-

"Anti" attitude in newspapers at

Alma are disregarded and the citi-

zens are strong for true Americanism.

to bring about a more wholesome

to do all in their power to protect

the interests of the free public

schools by placing on school boards

as trustees only those who have at

heart the best interests of the free

public schools.

Realm Of Arizona Holds Klanoero

The Klanoero of the Realm of Arizona was recently held at Glen- date, and delegates were present from all the Klans of the Realm. Reports from every section of the Realm indicate a great amount of constructive educational work being done and the upbuilding of the merits will be made on or about the first of each month. We ask that this donation go wholly to the man to serve, we tender you this donation of \$485.00 to be paid in the next twelve months and such payment will be made on or about the first of each month. We ask that this donation go wholly to the Grand Dragon, and reports indicate that the Klan membership in this Realm will be doubled within the next few months.

The deep loyalty to the organization by South Carolina Klansmen and the splendid exemplification of the spirit of Klancraft will inevitably result in material growth in numbers and in effectiveness in the laudable work they have undertaken.

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growth in Midland is in keeping

with the rapid increase of the Klan

all over Michigan.

Franklin Klan Grows

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Another Effort To Wreck The Knights Of The Ku Klux Klan Fails

The D. M. Rittenhouse receiver-ship suit against the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is now a matter of history. The Fulton County Superior Court has ruled against the petitioners and in favor of the national organization. The receiver-ship has been refused and the injunction which sought to impound the finances of the order has been denied.

Now that the suit has been won, it may interest Klansmen to know that this litigation was one of the most desperate efforts to wreck the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan ever launched by its enemies. It was not in actuality a receivership which the so-called Klansman plaintiffs sought, but the utter demolition of the order, the publication of the entire lists of its membership and a nation-wide persecution of those thus uncovered.

To begin with the suit was filed on the eve of the meeting of the Imperial Klouncilum in Washington last June at which the national program for the order was worked out. It was planned to prevent this meeting and to stop co-operative effort on the part of the leaders of the Klan in all sections of the country. Luckily it failed in this purpose.

Seventeen men, alleging to be Klansmen, had their names attached to the receivership petition. A number of these, upon reading about the suit in the newspapers notified the court that they had not signed the document at all and had given nobody permission to sign for them. They were at a loss to account for the appearance of their names and did not know who signed them.

During the summer months enemies of the Klan both on the inside and the outside seemed to have reached the determination that they would make the Rittenhouse case the vehicle for a desperate and vicious attack which they hoped would smash the order and discredit every official and employee of the national administration. Various purposes apparently linked all the enemies of the order in the grand assault. Some sought power and prestige, others wanted to plunge their hands into the national treasury, banished Klansmen, kicked out of the back

door of the Klan because they had proved unsuitable for membership, sought revenge.

Indications are that money was spent like water working up the

Rittenhouse case testimony. Cer-

tain leaders in Atlanta Klan No. 1, whose charter was suspended by the Grand Dragon of their Realm, some months ago jumped to the forefront in the fight against the order.

Representatives of a certain

agency were seen in Atlanta and it was rumored that the ever watchful hierarchy was willing to loosen its political purse strings in the belief that they had a chance to crush the order which they fear and whose principles they so cordially hate.

Besides this the Klan received

the information that a certain East-

ern publisher, whose newspapers

are read from coast to coast and who

from the start has always fought

the Klan, became interested in the

fight on the order and instructed

his agents, whose wallets always

budged, to become active.

The first legal bickering came

when a demand was made that

records of the Knights of the Ku

Klan should be produced in an open court. This would have meant

that the names of Klansmen in

every section of the United States

would have been made a matter of

public record. The order would

have been shorn of its great power

which lies in secrecy and in many

parts of the country where the Klan

is just starting to grow. Individual

Klansmen would have been made

subject to persecution and possible

death at the hands of fanatical

enemies.

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan fought successfully all attempts to

produce their national records in

their entirety in the court room.

The order however was under the

fire of its enemies and Imperial

Klionsel Paul S. Etheredge made a

brilliant fight and won.

A great mass of affidavits were

read at the trial that had absolutely

no bearing on the case and after

being read were promptly ruled

out by the Trial Judge. However,

the newspapers published them all,

The only thing secret about the

Klan is its membership.

measure accomplished what part of the plaintiffs were really after.

In denying the receivership and injunction the Trial Judge said in part: "It appears that about 300 are trying to gain control from the balance of the membership amounting to what appears to be about one and one-half million...," about

enemies to destroy the Klan has been defeated.

A crowd of thirty thousand persons jammed the streets of Richmond, Indiana, recently when the Klan gave a parade in which five thousand Klansmen marched. Following the parade a large class of aliens was naturalized. The program for the demonstration was closed with a spectacular display of fire works.

5,000 Klansmen In Richmond Parade

Bloomingdale Parade

Bloomingdale Klan, Realm of Indiana, recently staged one of the biggest parades ever seen in that part of Indiana. The procession was witnessed by a crowd estimated at about twenty-five thousand persons. Immediately after the parade began, a religious fanatic who lurked in an alley near the Catholic Church in Carnegie, Pennsylvania, while he paraded in the regalia of this order, August twenty-fifth, last.

The Abbott Trust Fund is being raised by the *Imperial Night-Hawk*, sponsored by the Forrest Publishing Company, with Wm. J. Slater officiating as editor.

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Iona Klan Active

Tullahoma, Tenn., has New Klan Paper

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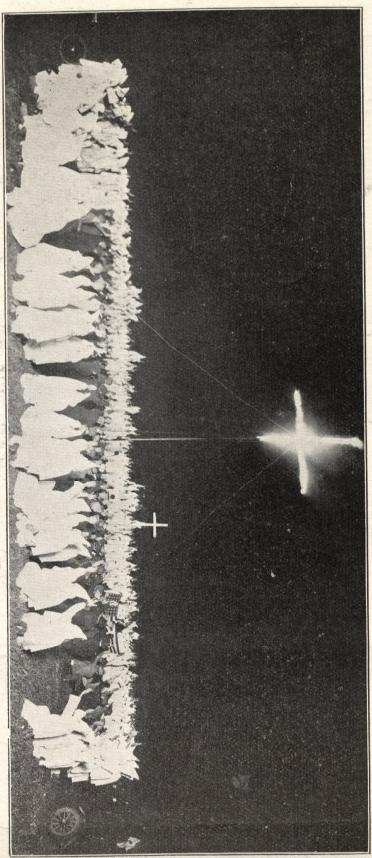
their toes and will no doubt welcome this new addition to the cause of Klankraft with their full support, and see that it gets away to a flying start.

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Klansmen of Topeka, Kansas, Subscribe Over 130,000 To Hospital Fund



Here is a flashlight photograph of the latest class naturalized in the Topeka, Kansas, Klan. The naturalization ceremony was a few weeks ago and is remarkable since the Klansmen present raised the sum of \$37,000 for the purpose of establishing the American hospital at Topeka. This million dollar institution

one of the model Klans of the country. Pueblo Klan is a very vital

force in the civic life of that city.

Mrs. Abbott Fighting

To Secure Justice

Denver Klan, Realm of Colorado, Denver Klan, Realm of Colorado, a few days ago formally opened its splendid new Klan building which is one of the most unique in the Invisible Empire.

Denver's Klan is situated on the very top of Castle Mountain, a six thousand-foot peak which is owned by Denver Klan. It is located in grounds comprising three hundred acres which with the building are valued at over \$75,000. At the dedication ceremonial six thousand Klansmen were present and took part in the naturalization of fifteen hundred aliens, one of the largest classes in the history of Colorado Klan Kraft. The Grand Dragon of Colorado officiated at the ceremonies at which a fiery cross 110 feet high was illuminated at the top of the peak, being visible for miles in all directions.

The Klans in Colorado are growing rapidly under the guidance of the Grand Dragon of that Realm. In Pueblo a few weeks ago two hundred aliens were naturalized into the local Klan which is considered passed.

Put Bible in School

Through the efforts of the Seymour Klan, Realm of Indiana, the Bible has been placed in the public schools of Seymour. Compulsory reading of the Bible in the schools of Jackson County follows the action of the trustees. A bitter fight was put up by opponents and it was only through the moral pressure brought by the Klan that the resolution was passed.

has already been put well on the way to success by the Klan at Topeka and the neighboring Klans. H. H. Kitchens, the Kansas Klan leader who went to jail rather than betray a Klan principle, initiated this large class for the chartered Klan. Topeka Klan is one of the largest and most active in Kansas.

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Determined to see that justice shall be done to those she believes responsible for the murder of her husband, Klansman Thomas R. Abbott, Mrs. Emma Abbott of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, has filed complaint alleging murder against Patrick McDermott, the Irish under-

taker who was seen to fire his pistol at Klansmen as they were parading at Carnegie, Pa., on August 25, last.

Mrs. Abbott has bravely taken up

the cause of the Klan and through

her particular case, McDermott, who

had been free at his first hearing, was

re-arrested, but, though the offense

of murder in Pennsylvania is generally regarded as being non-bailable, he

has been released by Judge Cohen

on \$25,000 bond.

Her action trial will be had in this

Friends of the dead Klansman

have also filed charges of inciting a

riot against others who are alleged

to have taken part in the attack upon

the Klan parade at Carnegie. One

of the defendants is Burgess John F.

Conley of Carnegie, Pennsylvania.

He is out on bond of \$2,000.

The IMPERIAL NIGHT-HAWK

